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Bill ^{SB}#1051 before you has too many facets. Parts of this bill will always be controversial (reorganizing the Registrar's Office). But there are parts that should have been addressed years ago (establishing a committee to develop programs and procedures for training, examining, and certifying Registrars of Voters). Perhaps the parts that are uncontroversial can be removed and introduced singularly so that progress can be made for change and then the controversial sections can be debated without holding back the programs that would benefit the electors of our State. The additional time would give the towns a chance to add dollars to their budgets, if necessary and to plan for any additional changes of personnel, if necessary.

In the March 7, 2015 the Norwich Bulletin reporter wrote that, " the Secretary of The State hopes the proposed legislation can spark change, but she is also realistic about the road it must travel." Taking the time for more dialogue and planning with all the parties exploring and addressing the issues makes for smoother transitions. Forming a committee to address these issues would be the next best step.

We now have a chance for everyone not familiar with the responsibilities and duties of Connecticut Registrars to learn exactly what is expected of all who hold that position and to offer input to solving the problems that have plagued that office. The Secretary of The State has taken the first step and now all interested parties should not let the issues die but work together to bring the best ideas forward to help make our election system remain the best in our country..

At this time I would urge a no vote for Bill #1051.

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